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Coming of the Wholesalers

Will Spend Next Wednesday Night In East Jordan.

As announced in these columns, the Eleventh Annual Trade Extension Tour of the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce will be held this coming week and East Jordan will be one of the four night stops made on the trip.

A couple of gentlemen representing the Wholesalers were in our city Tuesday evening and met with some of the officers of our Board of Trade. Arrangements were made for and a big public meeting will be held at the Temple Theatre next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, when the Wholesalers will favor the people of East Jordan with several good address, excellent music by the Furniture City Band, and some vocal selections.

This meeting will not be confined to the business men of our city alone, but the farmers of this region as well as the citizens in general of our city are invited to attend, enjoy the program, and meet the representatives of Grand Rapids.

The Wholesalers are men intensely interested in our state and do not have the privilege of meeting their many customers and visiting the towns and take this way of becoming better acquainted with their customers, the towns, and the state. This will be a vacation trip for the heads of these many different firms—because they are not after business on this trip and will come in a special train of Pullman cars, with one of the best bands in the state, plenty of souvenirs, a special car being attached to the train for this purpose.

The greatest possible interest is being manifested in this trip as indicated in the acceptance of the leading Grand Rapids banks and others. The Wholesalers and business men of Grand

Rapids consider the northern territory of great importance and are doing everything in their power to co-operate in the development of the towns included in the tour this year.

A number of the gentlemen recently participated in the Mackinaw Trail Tour and talks will be given by the Wholesalers pertaining to the development of good roads. The Furniture City Band is rehearsing special music for the occasion.

BEANS \$5 PER BUSHEL

Michigan Jobbers Fix Prices to Prevail for Season.

Detroit.—Although bean conditions have improved 25 per cent within the last few weeks, Michigan will not have more than one-half the normal crop, members of the Michigan Bean Grower's association said when they met in Grand Rapids the other day to make a scale of prices for Michigan beans.

The association voted in favor of \$5 per bushel for beans, beginning Oct. 1, with an increase of from 10 to 15 cents a month thereafter to cover the storage and transportation. These prices may be increased and to regulate the market a committee was named, consisting of A. B. Cook, of Shiawassee county; C. M. King, Montcalm county; Amos Welsh, Ionia county; John Pullam, Saginaw county; W. E. Bullard and A. T. Dean, of Kent county.

DO YOU

Maintain a polluted well and then Complain about the undertaker's bill?

Think screening is too expensive and then Blame your malaria on the climate?

Insist on sanitary cigar factories and then Use a public cigar cutter?

Carry a fine handkerchief and then Forget to cover your mouth when you cough?

Co-operation of Everyone

Is Desired In The Coming Tubercular Campaign.

In the tuberculosis survey of the state board of health that will be held in this county early in October special efforts will be made to secure the co-operation of the churches, of the employers of labor and of various local organizations. During the week before the free clinics will be held, state board of health nurses will come here to make all the necessary preliminary arrangements.

The pastors in the various towns in the county will be asked by the health workers to place the subject before their congregations, to call attention to the dates and places where the clinics will be held, and to impress upon their congregations the advisability of taking advantage of this opportunity for a free examination.

Employers of labor throughout the county will be requested to let those of their employees who need a physical examination go to the free clinics. The state board of health is trying, in all these county health campaigns, to get into close touch with all persons whose work is indoors and who consequently are more likely to be physically run down than others.

The state health nurses moreover will get into touch with all the physicians they can reach and with all other persons of influence in the various communities in an effort to secure their aid. The main purpose is to get as many physically run down persons in each community as possible to submit to an examination, and everybody can aid in this by urging friends and acquaintances to take the test.

There are two distinct classes of college graduates: Those who accept positions and those who hunt jobs.

September 30 Memory Day

Governor Ferris Urges All To Look at Heirlooms and Retail Departed Friends.

Gov. Ferris has issued the following proclamation designating Sat. Sept. 30, as "Memory Day." "For the young there are no real memory days. The young have little concern about the past. They are content with the present or they are impatiently peering into the future. The aged care little for the future and naturally look to the great past. On Sept. 30, let us refresh our memories by again looking at the old daguerreotypes, photographs and keepsakes of those gone before. Let us again tell the tales of our school and childhood days, tell of the struggle and victories of our fathers and mothers and comrades, tell the story of our country's birth and growth and triumph. It is our wish that ere long the thirtieth day of September may become Memory day throughout the nation. "Therefore, I, Woodbridge N. Ferris, Governor of Michigan, do hereby issue this proclamation and enthusiastically urge the observance of Saturday, Sept. 30th, 1916, as Memory Day."

Commission Proceedings.

Regular meeting of the City Commission held at the commission rooms Monday evening, September 18, 1916. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cross. Present—Cross, Gidley and Lancaster. Absent—none.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion by Lancaster, the following bills were allowed:

G. A. Lisk, printing \$ 20.30

East Jordan Lbr. Co., mdse. 3.50

Hersey Mfg Co., water meters 1258.00

On motion by Gidley, Fred A. Warr was granted permission to move a building through Maple street from the East Jordan Cooperage Company's old site to a part of Gov't Lot Four (4).

On motion by Gidley, meeting was adjourned.

OTIS J. SMITH,
City Clerk.

WHO KNOWS?

The good concrete roads that this man, Van Pelt is so strongly advocating may not be needed in a few years. Remember, the flying machine is in the air.

We were talking with Van about this the other day and called his attention to it. "Well," he said, "that is right. Stranger things than that have happened. Nobody expected that a submarine would ever be built that could cross the ocean, but it has been done and even at the great cost incurred, it paid for itself the first trip. So it may be with the flying machine. But we have the autos on hand now and it is our duty to build roads that will stand up under the great strain put upon them until the flying machine is made perfect and cheap. Probably, "Henry" will get up a flying machine and he may be working on them now for all we know. A Ford flyer with a Ford auto would make a great combination. If the auto should give out, the flyer could pick it up and take it and its contents to its destination and if the flyer should give out, the little tin Elizabeth could pick it up, put it on the running board and there you are.

"In the meantime, you know, and so do I, that there is no road except brick or concrete that we can use to advantage at the present time. The concrete roads are now all built in our minds. Now, let's move up another peg and build them in reality, for it is the ideal road and the interest on the cost of this road will not begin to be as large as the upkeep of a macadam road."

"Another thing in its favor is the fact that we will have the use of it now and it will be good for fifty years, if it is properly built, and with but little expense for its upkeep—that is, if the street opposite the Elston Hotel (now Michigan) at the south end of Bridge Street in Charlevoix is any criterion. This piece of road has been down seven years without one cent of expense for upkeep and is as good today as it was when laid and the travel that it has already been subjected to has been greater than the entire traffic from Charlevoix to East Jordan since the County was first settled."

"Now, which is the cheapest road for us to build—the nine foot macadam road that we are now building, or the nine foot concrete road with shoulders of crushed hardheads, four feet wide on either side, making a road seventeen feet in width?"

Primary Law Fails to Satisfy

Under it the People do not Rule in Making Nominations.

Barry Co. Proves Law Does Not Work Well. Too Expensive and Ineffective. The Banner Suggests Some Remedies.

(Hastings Banner.)

Judged by its workings in Barry county, we would say that the present primary law creates unnecessary expense, is cumbersome, ineffective, and utterly fails as a means of "letting the people rule" in making party nominations. We will not go outside of Barry county to prove our claims. We are not partisan in our criticisms, for the present statute was passed by a republican legislature and signed by a democratic governor. Responsibility for the law must be shared by both parties.

The Banner believes in "letting the people rule," and believes they will generally make good choices where they have the opportunity to know the candidates. But in the case of state and national officers, they cannot have that opportunity; and even in county matters, knowledge of candidates is limited.

It will cost Barry county taxpayers fully \$1,000 to hold the primary on August 29. We believe that, for a small fraction of that sum, more satisfactory results could be obtained.

To show how completely the law fails we will first instance the manner in which the democrats of Barry county named their candidates who appear on their primary ballots. We are not saying what we do to criticize persons or parties, but rather to point out defects in the present primary law. Ordinarily in November the democrats' poll from 800 to 1500 fewer votes than the republicans in Barry county. Ordinarily, therefore an acceptable candidate on the republican county ticket is reasonably sure of election; and a democratic candidate for county office, unless there be some special weakness in his republican opponent, is reasonably certain of defeat. That very situation insures plenty of candidates on the republican side, except where a candidate is clearly entitled to a renomination.

By the same token, that situation makes democratic candidates very scarce in Barry county. Few care to sacrifice themselves or put up a campaign for an office where chances of success depend on the weakness of an opponent, or some friction in the majority party.

This situation therefore, forces the democratic leaders in Barry county to do something in order to preserve their party organization and to save their party the humiliation of having no candidates at the primary. Somebody must set in motion the machinery that will grind out names for the democratic primary ballot. When no one seeks the office, it is up to the leaders, who are interested in their party, to ascertain what democrats are willing to allow their names to run.

Now as a matter of fact, not because they wanted to be arbitrary, but because the primary law compels them to do so or see their party organization collapse, less than a half dozen democratic leaders in Barry county nearly all of them in this city, had to take it upon themselves to see that a democratic primary ticket was named. They did so by telephoning or calling on leading democrats in each township or ward, to learn if there were any democratic aspirants for office. They found none. It then became necessary to draft enough members of their party who would be willing for the sake of the party, to let their names appear on the democratic ballot. It took not a little persuading to get them. But the primary theory of "letting the people rule" did not obtain, and could not, in the selection of democratic primary nominees. The law practically forced a few democratic leaders to draft enough democratic to fill the places on the primary ticket. The "people" had nothing to do with it. It was all arranged by a half dozen men. Then they prepared petitions and circulated them, to secure the necessary names to get their candidates on the primary ballot. These petitions are parts of the public records of Barry county. They will show that the same persons signed all of the petitions that put all the democratic names on the primary ballot; and that all the 70 signers appearing on those petitions live in this city, Nashville, Middleville and Woodland. The 16 townships of this county are not represented at all on the petitions.

But from the standpoint of "letting the people rule," this is a hollow farce. Nothing could be farther removed from that ideal than that six leaders and 70 signers of petitions, residing in Hastings, Middleville, Nashville and Woodland, should make the primary nominations for the 2,000 democrats of Barry county. How nearly that approaches the ideal of letting the people make their own nominations we leave our readers to judge.

Turn now to the republican party, whose 3200 voters put it decidedly in the lead in this county. Representative, sheriff and treasurer are running for second terms; so no contests for those places. There are four candidates for probate judge, three for prosecutor and two for register. The petitions, except for coroners, for republican candidates, bear different names.

In the past about 1,000 republicans have voted at Barry county primaries. Because of greater interest this year, probably 1,500 will do so. If contests are nearly even, it would be possible for 400 republicans to nominate the candidate for probate judge, and 550 or 600 their candidate for prosecutor.

In other words, a minority of the voters who actually vote, and but a small fraction of the 3200 republican voters of the county will do the nominating for probate judge and prosecutor.

The widest and wildest stretch of the imagination could not say that a law under which such results as we have indicated are certain or possible can be other than ineffective, when the ideal aimed at is: "Let the people rule."

The Banner suggests a possible remedy. It would cost but a fraction of the expense of the August primary. Let the voters of all parties at the April election, by secret ballot choose delegates to a county convention. Let all candidates for county and state office file nomination petitions as now. Let the delegates at such convention by secret Australian ballot, choose all candidates for county office, and all delegates to state and district conventions. Let all names of candidates for county office or delegates appear on the one ballot, and require a majority of the convention to nominate. Let state and district conventions choose candidates for state officers, congressional and legislative candidates in the same manner, by the secret Australian ballot system. Back the law with a good corrupt practices act, and money would be saved to the taxpayers and to the candidates, and the people would have a better chance to rule than they do under the present primary law.

COUNTY REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE FOR WORK

The Charlevoix County Republican Nominees met on Thursday, Sept. 7th, at the Court House at Charlevoix, Richard Lewis presided in the absence of William J. Pearson who was absent through illness.

Other Nominees present were:—Judge S. A. Correll, Rollie L. Lewis, M. A. McDonald, Frank M. House, E. A. Robinson, Geo. W. Weaver and Chas. Novak.

Moved by Correll and seconded by R. L. Lewis that William J. Pearson be elected Chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican Committee for the ensuing two years. Motion carried.

Moved by Robinson and seconded by Weaver that Charles H. Emrey be elected Secretary of the Charlevoix County Republican Committee for the ensuing two years. Motion carried.

Moved by Correll and seconded by Weaver that the meeting adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman.

Signed,
CHARLES H. EMREY,
Sec'y Co. Com.

George and Henry Strevel, father and son, residing twelve miles northwest from Bay City, have been arrested on complaint of Assistant State Fire Marshal, Sam Robinson on the charge of setting fire to the former's dwelling early the morning of Sept. 8th with intent to defraud the London and Liverpool and Globe Fire Insurance Co. Strevel carried \$3,400 insurance which was written Aug. 15, 1916. Sheriff Fitzgerald and the fire marshal found that the property had been fired in nine different places and that a quantity of kerosene had been used for the purpose. Strevel admitted to the officers that he had had eight former fires several upon which he had collected insurance.

The more praise a man bestows on himself the wiser he is not.

It is easier to criticize the small mistakes of others than it is not to make a few large ones yourself.

GRAND RAPIDS WHOLESALE MERCHANTS WHO ARE COMING TO OUR TOWN



The Eleventh Annual Trade Extension Tour of the Wholesale Department of the Grand Rapids Association of Commerce, consisting of 100 men who represent over 70 leading business houses of Grand Rapids, doing \$40,000,000 worth of business during the past year, will start from the Western Michigan metropolis in an all-steel train on Tuesday, September 26th, and cover the state. These men are whole-souled and whole-hearted in their enthusiasm to boost Western Michigan's good roads, farming and municipal interests. They are greatly interested in the development of the state and believe this "get-acquainted" trip will do even more than in the past. Toys and trinkets will be distributed by the men, a special car being used to carry the advertising souvenirs.

ITINERARY OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL TRADE EXTENSION TOUR—WHOLESALE DEPARTMENT—GRAND RAPIDS ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE.

Tuesday, September 26, 1916.

Grand Rapids	Arrive	Leave	Stop	Road
Grand Rapids	7:00 a. m.	7:30 a. m.		G. R. & I.
Howard City	8:00 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	30 Min.	"
Morley	8:43 a. m.	9:03 a. m.	20 "	"
Stanwood	9:16 a. m.	9:36 a. m.	20 "	"
Big Rapids	9:55 a. m.	12:40 p. m.	2 hrs. 46 Min.	"
Paris	12:51 p. m.	1:06 p. m.	15 Min.	"
Reed City	1:20 p. m.	2:00 p. m.	40 "	"
Orono	2:12 p. m.	2:22 p. m.	10 "	"
Ashten	2:28 p. m.	2:38 p. m.	10 "	"
Dewings	2:43 p. m.	2:53 p. m.	10 "	"
Cadillac	3:30 p. m.	Evening Stop		"

Wednesday, September 27th.

Cadillac	6:30 a. m.			
LeRoy	7:00 a. m.	7:30 a. m.	30 Min.	"
Tustin	7:41 a. m.	8:11 a. m.	30 "	"
Hobart	8:21 a. m.	8:31 a. m.	10 "	"
Lake City	9:40 a. m.	10:20 a. m.	40 "	"
Jennings	10:55 a. m.	11:25 a. m.	30 "	"
Manton	12:15 p. m.	12:50 p. m.	35 "	"
Walton Junction	1:10 p. m.	1:25 p. m.	15 "	"
Life Lake	1:42 p. m.	2:12 p. m.	30 "	"
South Boardman	2:23 p. m.	2:43 p. m.	20 "	"
Kalkaska	3:00 p. m.	3:45 p. m.	45 "	"
Westwood	4:05 p. m.	4:15 p. m.	10 "	"
Antrim	4:20 p. m.	4:40 p. m.	20 "	"
Mancelona	4:45 p. m.	5:25 p. m.	40 "	"
East Jordan	7:00 p. m.	Evening Stop		D. & C.

Thursday, September 28th.

East Jordan	9:30 a. m.			
Alba	10:20 a. m.	10:40 a. m.	20 Min.	G. R. & I.
Eldrim	10:56 a. m.	11:16 a. m.	20 "	"
Boyer Falls	11:35 a. m.	12:10 p. m.	35 "	"
Boyer City	12:30 p. m.	2:50 "	2 hrs. 20 min.	B. C. & A.
Clarion	3:20 p. m.	3:30 p. m.	10 Min.	G. R. & I.
Petoskey	3:50 p. m.	Evening Stop		"

Friday, September 29th.

Petoskey	7:00 a. m.			
Harbor Springs	7:30 a. m.	9:00 a. m.	1 hr. 30 min.	"
Alanson	9:35 a. m.	9:55 a. m.	20 Min.	"
Brutus	10:04 a. m.	10:24 a. m.	20 "	"
Pellston	10:33 a. m.	11:08 a. m.	35 "	"
Levering	11:22 a. m.	11:42 a. m.	20 "	"
Carp Lake	11:52 a. m.	12:07 p. m.	15 "	"
Mackinaw City	12:20 p. m.	12:45 p. m.	25 "	"
Cheboygan	1:10 p. m.	3:10 p. m.	2 hrs.	M. C.
Gaylord	4:40 p. m.	5:40 p. m.	1 hr.	"
Grayling	6:30 p. m.	Evening Stop		"

Saturday, September 30th.

Grayling	12:01 a. m.			M. & N. E.
Grand Rapids	6:00 a. m.			G. R. & I.